

jurisdiction of general county courts, the following sections, to-wit:

ARTICLE 25½. *District county courts.*

SEC. 1608 (dd) 1. In any two or more contiguous and adjoining counties of any judicial district of this State there may be established, under the general powers and authority contained in sub-chapter five, articles twenty-four and twenty-five, and the several sections of each article, except as herein otherwise provided, a court of civil and criminal jurisdiction, maintained pursuant to this sub-chapter and the said articles twenty-four and twenty-five, not inconsistent herewith, a court of record, to be known as and designated a district county court, and containing all the authority, jurisdiction, rights, powers and duties, compensations and fees, as provided in the articles aforesaid, except as herein otherwise provided.

District county courts may be established in two or more contiguous counties in same judicial district.

Civil and criminal jurisdiction.

Court of record.

SEC. 1608 (dd) 2. *Judge of court; election; oath of office and salary.*

The court shall be presided over by a judge, who may be a licensed attorney at law, and at the time of his election he shall be a qualified elector in one of the counties composing the said district county court.

Judge of court; qualifications.

The first judge of said court, upon its establishment as hereinafter provided, shall be elected by the several boards of commissioners of the counties establishing the said district courts, each board being entitled to one vote to be cast in accordance with the majority vote of each board, at any joint meeting of said boards of commissioners, as hereinafter provided, within sixty days after the establishment, and he shall hold his office until January first, following the next general election of county officers, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Any vacancy arising in the office of judge of said court shall be filled by the several boards of commissioners of the counties establishing the said district court, in joint meeting assembled, which shall be called by the chairman of the board of commissioners of the county in which such judge resided at the time of his death or removal, or resignation.

First judge elected by boards of county commissioners.

Each board has one vote.

Term of office.

Vacancy appointments.

At the joint meeting of said boards of commissioners when an election of the judge of said court is made, the said commissioners shall also fix the salary of said judge, which salary together with the salary of the prosecuting attorney hereinafter provided for shall be paid from the costs taxed and collected in the trial of all actions in said court to which costs provided for there shall be added a trial fee of five dollars and if there be a deficiency in the payment of said salaries from said costs as herein provided for, the said deficiency

Salary of judge to be fixed.

Paid out of court costs.

Trial fees.

Deficiency to be made up by counties.